AMENDMEÑTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

An Annotated Sheet and a Replacement Sheet are being submitted herewith for Fig. 18, in which the "YES" and "NO" decisions have been added thereto.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. It is respectfully submitted that this response addresses the formal matters identified by the Examiner, and therefore, that the application is in condition for allowance.

In particular, as required by the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith an Annotated Sheet and a Replacement Sheet for Fig. 18, in which the "YES" and "NO" decisions have been added thereto.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 18

